



Advent 1

Announcements

Today – Christmas decorating after worship

Dec. 22 – No 707

Dec 23 - Christmas Eve Eve Carols, Worship and 80s
after party

Litany of Resistance

WA: One: O come, o come, Emmanuel. Deliver your people. Come, o Lord and bring us your shalom.

Let us pray together

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We pray For the victims of war

All: Lord, Have mercy

One: Women, men and children

All: Lord, Have mercy

One: The maimed and the crippled

All: Lord, Have mercy

One: The abandoned and the homeless

All: Lord, Have mercy

One: the imprisoned and the tortured

All: Lord, Have mercy

One: The widowed and the orphaned

All: Lord, Have mercy

One: The weary and the desperate

All: Lord, Have mercy

One: The lost and the forsaken

All: Lord, Have mercy

One: Christ o Christ, our stomachs recoil within us when we consider the violence and the strife of this world. Our consciences bleed for all those who bleed.

Jesus, Remember Me

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus, re-member me when you come into your kingdom

WA: We pray, O Christ, deliver us

One: From the arrogance of power

All: Deliver us

One: From the myth of redemptive violence

All: Deliver us

One: From the tyranny of greed

All: Deliver us

One: From the ugliness of racism

All: Deliver us

One: From the cancer of hatred

All: Deliver us

One: From the seduction of wealth

All: Deliver us

One: From the addiction of control

All: Deliver us

One: From the idolatry of nationalism

All: Deliver us

One: From the paralysis of cynicism

All: Deliver us

One: From the ghettos of poverty
All: Deliver us

One: From the ghettos of wealth
All: Deliver us

One: From a lack of imagination
All: Deliver us

WA: Empower us with the spirit of Mary, who treasured in her heart a hope for justice, that with sturdiness in backbone and resolve we might stand up for those who are unable to stand for themselves.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus, re-member me when you come into your kingdom

One: Today we pledge allegiance to the Kingdom of God
All: We pledge allegiance

One: Not to *pax Romana* or *pax Americana* but to *pax Christi*

All: We pledge allegiance

One: To the Gospel of enemy love

All: We pledge allegiance

One: To the Kingdom of the poor and broken

All: We pledge allegiance

One: To a King who dies for his enemies rather than slaughter them

All: We pledge allegiance

One: To the least of these, with whom Christ dwells

All: We pledge allegiance

One: To the universal Church, which transcends the artificial borders of the nations

All: We pledge allegiance

One: To the refugee of Nazareth

All: We pledge allegiance

One: To the homeless rabbi who had no place to lay his head

All: We pledge allegiance

One: To the cross rather than the sword

All: We pledge allegiance

La Tenebre

Our Darkness is never darkness before you.

The night and the day are both lightened.

One: To the banner of love above any flag

All: We pledge allegiance

One: To the one who rules with I towel, not iron fist

All: We pledge allegiance

One: To the one who rides a donkey rather than a war-horse

All: We pledge allegiance

One: To the revolution that sets both oppressed and oppressors free

All: We pledge allegiance

One: To the Way that leads to life

All: We pledge allegiance

One: To the Slaughtered Lamb

All: We pledge allegiance

One: And together we proclaim his praises, from the margins of the empire to the centers of wealth and power

All: Long Live the Slaughtered Lamb

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Dominic Balli – Daisy's Song

Reading

WA: A reading from Joel the 2nd chapter

²¹ Do not fear, O soil;
 be glad and rejoice,
 for the LORD has done great things!

²² Do not fear, you animals of the field,
 for the pastures of the wilderness are green;
the tree bears its fruit,
 the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

²³ O children of Zion, be glad
 and rejoice in the LORD your God;
for he has given the early rain^[a] for your vindication,
 he has poured down for you abundant rain,
 the early and the later rain, as before.

²⁴ The threshing floors shall be full of grain,
 the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

²⁵ I will repay you for the years
 that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
 my great army, which I sent against you.

²⁶ You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
 and praise the name of the LORD your God,
 who has dealt wondrously with you.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.

²⁷ You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
 and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no
other.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.

WA: The word of the Lord

A: Thanks be to God

Gospel

P: The Gospel according to Matthew the 6th Chapter.

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink,^[a] or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?^[b] ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³² For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But strive first for the kingdom of God^[c] and his^[d] righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

P: The word of the Lord

A: Thanks be to God

Sermon

*Prayer Petitions & O Come, O Come Emmanuel
(Prayer petitions will be given in between verses)*

O come, O come, Em-man-u-el
And ransom captive Is---rael
That mourns in lonely ex--ile here
Un-til the Son of God a-ppear
Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-man-u-el
Shall come to thee, O Is--ra-el.

(Prayer)

O come, Thou Rod of Je-sse, free
Thine own from Satan's ty--ranny
From depths of Hell Thy peo-ple save
And give them victory o'er the grave
Rejoice! Re-joice! Em-man-u-el
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

(Prayer)

O come, Thou Day-Spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine ad-vent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-man-u-el
Shall come to thee, O Is--ra-el.

(Prayer)

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Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-man-u-el
Shall come to thee, O Is--ra-el.

(Prayer)

O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to mi--sery.
Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-man-u-el
Shall come to thee, O Is--ra-el.

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And ransom captive Is---rael
That mourns in lonely ex--ile here
Un-til the Son of God a-ppear
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Shall come to thee, O Is--ra-el.

WA: Into your hands O Lord we commend all for whom
we pray trusting in your abundant mercy through your
son, our savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Offering

Advent Litany

Table Liturgy

P: Let us pray...

(Leader says a prayer of thanksgiving)

...For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Words of Institution

L: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Again after supper he took the cup gave thanks and he gave it for all to drink saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Lord's Prayer

Our Father
Who art in Heaven
Hallowed be your name
Your kingdom come
Your will be done
On Earth as it is in heaven
Give us today our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us
Lead us not into the time of trial but deliver us from evil
For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours.
Now and forever. Amen.

Communion

Blessing

Sending

P: Go in peace. He is risen.

A: He is risen indeed.